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Child in Jessup crash on MD-32 dies overnight

Howard County police were notified overnight that a child who was a passenger in one of three cars involved in a collision on MD-32 in Jessup Tuesday evening was pronounced dead at Howard County General Hospital (HCGH). Four-year-old Kamsi Akabudike of Ellicott City died as a result of injuries he sustained in the crash.

The incident occurred on MD-32 eastbound near Dorsey Run Road around 8:15 p.m. Kamsi Akabudike was in a child safety seat riding with his mother, Ngozi Akabudike, 36, in a 2003 Honda CRV. Preliminarily, police believe the Honda made a sudden stop and was struck from behind by a 2014 Jeep Wrangler driven by lone-occupant John A. Clark, 32, of Columbia. The Jeep then sideswiped a 2002 Ford Explorer driven by Nicole Powell, 29, of Edgewater. She and a 2-year-old child in the car with her were uninjured.

Both Ngozi Akabudike and Clark were transported to HCGH with non-life threatening injuries. Kamsi Akabudike was transported to the same hospital, where he later died.

MD-32 was closed at Route 1 until 1 a.m. The investigation is ongoing. No charges have been filed at this time.

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